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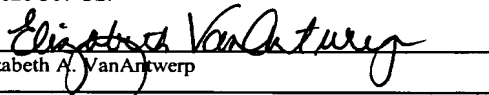
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Enclosed is a copy of an International Search Report bearing a mailing date of July 12, 2005 from a corresponding international patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following:

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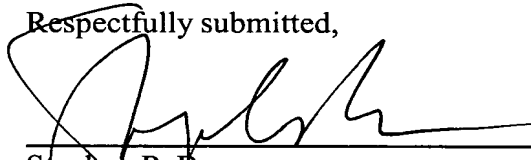
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 08-231549 A1 (Ref. AF) corresponds
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